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**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 193**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Calderon and Low  
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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 193—Relative to technology and innovation.

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ACR 193, as amended, Calderon. California Technology and Innovation Month.

This measure will proclaim the month of June as California Technology and Innovation Month, a special time for Californians to celebrate this ever-growing industry that is changing the way we view communication, health care, transportation, energy, travel, and business.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Technology,~~—innovation~~ *innovation*, and the  
2 entrepreneurial spirit are woven into our identity as Americans.  
3 We are the pioneers that always look beyond to the next frontier.  
4 From sending a man to the moon, to leading the Internet revolution,  
5 *and* to developing cutting-edge technology, the world has always  
6 looked to America to lead into the future and, time and again, we  
7 have delivered that and much more; and

1 WHEREAS, American-born advancements have shaped every  
2 aspect of our modern world. Our smartphones, which evolve daily,  
3 have enabled instant global communication and a more robust  
4 exchange of ideas and knowledge. Our children and grandchildren  
5 have the chance for longer and healthier lives because of  
6 breakthroughs in medical technologies and drug treatments.  
7 Cutting-edge processes have turned the United States into a leader  
8 in energy production, while better data and advanced weather  
9 warning systems hold the promise of saving lives from natural  
10 disasters; and

11 WHEREAS, The next great medicine, energy source, or  
12 communication platform is waiting to be discovered by the people  
13 of California. Our greatest asset, and the biggest driver of  
14 California innovation, is California's people, and we need laws  
15 that support and enable the people of California; and

16 WHEREAS, California is home to a thriving world-class region  
17 ~~which~~ *that* is home to high-tech corporations and thousands of  
18 innovative startup companies. These California-based corporations  
19 have given us amazing technological advances, such as the iPhone  
20 and semiconductors, and have changed how we utilize the Internet;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Innovation and technology are essential to  
23 achieving and maintaining economic prosperity in this increasingly  
24 competitive world, and our place as the most innovative and  
25 technology advanced nation on Earth cannot be taken for granted.  
26 We must stay focused on promoting growth and expanding  
27 opportunities for the next great idea; and

28 WHEREAS, California leads the nation with nearly 1.1 million  
29 tech industry jobs. For each job created in the tech sector,  
30 approximately 4.3 jobs are created in other local goods and services  
31 sectors across all income groups, including lawyers, dentists,  
32 schoolteachers, cooks, and retail clerks, among many others. There  
33 are an estimated 46,000 information and communication  
34 technology (ICT) industry-related businesses in California. ICT  
35 industry-related businesses produce \$172 billion in revenue. These  
36 businesses employ more than one million Californians and pay  
37 out close to \$76 billion in wages annually; and

38 WHEREAS, Communities throughout California will  
39 commemorate the month of June as California Technology and

1 Innovation Month, a month celebrating the innovation industry  
2 and the entrepreneurial spirit; now, therefore, be it  
3 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
4 *thereof concurring*, That in recognition of the innovation and  
5 technology economy, the month of June shall be proclaimed  
6 California Technology and Innovation Month, a special time for  
7 Californians to celebrate this ever-growing industry that is changing  
8 the way we view communication, health care, transportation,  
9 energy, travel, business, and much more; and be it further  
10 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
11 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.